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Honorable Representative Devin Carney – Ranking Member

Honorable Senator Heather Somers – Ranking Member

Members of the Transportation Committee

Room 2300, Legislative Office Building

Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Statement in Support of H.B. 5366 – Sections 12-14

An Act Concerning Revisions to The Motor Vehicle Statutes

Dear Members of the Committee:

Thank you for considering the above legislation. These reforms are absolutely needed to protect the consumers of the State of Connecticut.

My name is Anthony Ferraiolo, owner of A&R Body Specialty and Collision Works located in Wallingford. We are a family owned and operated business in Connecticut for 32 years. This Bill offers a revision that only makes total sense to protect the consumers of the State of Connecticut.

The automotive industry is changing at warp speed. Technology is speeding up technology offered, and in some cases, is mandatory on automobiles today. Vehicles today are safer than ever before, we as repairers, must keep up with this change in technology. Our shops have to be equipped with the latest equipment to properly and safely repair these vehicles. Our technicians are performing on-going training all year to keep up with the changing automobile. Our information, training, and techniques in repair must come from the manufacture of these vehicles. They are the only authority on the repair process. The O.E.M. research alone must be preformed on every repair.

This is not an option. The only way we can perform repairs on vehicles is to get this information from the manufacture of the vehicle we are repairing. We, as repairers accepting the liability of the repair, must feel confident with our repair choices. O.E.M. manufacturers are the only authority on recommendations on repairs. They are confident that if we use the proper parts, and follow proper procedures, with proper equipment, these vehicles will function the way they were intended to before the collision.



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Advanced Driver Assist Systems (ADAS) repairs to vehicles that have this technology equipped on them, and this is all vehicles from as early as 2016 with more and more added to vehicles each year, must be repaired properly with O.E.M. requirements. This is not an option, this is a reality. If a repairer is not researching proper repair procedures, the vehicle owner who is relying on this technology performing the way it did before the collision may be in harms way when the vehicle for example does not stop before impact, does not sense a vehicle in its blind spot, may back into something because the rear camera and sensors were not calibrated after repair. The list goes on and on to the dangers of a licensed repairer not following O.E.M. repair procedures and guidelines.

In conclusion there should be no opposition to this revision, the proposed changes are pro-consumer which will save lives, make vehicles safer, and protect consumers investments in their automobiles.

Thank you very much for your time today. If you need further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

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